

CITY OF MILPITAS

GROUP YOUTH SPORTS ASSISTANCE FUND

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this fund is to allow local youth sports organizations which provide services within Milpitas in a sporting event to submit a request for funding assistance from the City. A youth group is defined as a group of individuals all of whom are 18 years and younger. The City of Milpitas believes that the enjoyment of sports by youth in Milpitas is important to the well-being of its youth and to the overall enrichment of the community, and that an excellent way to assist the youth sport groups, as well as build a positive relationship with them is through this fund.

GRANT PROCESS:

Eligibility for groups:

1. Applicant groups must be a youth sport organization operating within the City of Milpitas with 51% or greater Milpitas residents. A youth group is defined as a group of individuals all of whom are 18 years and younger.
2. The group must be incorporated as a non-profit organization or be chartered as a local branch of a larger non-profit organization.
3. The group must have bylaws which clearly define the organization's purpose and function, structure, and the duties, authority and responsibilities of its governing body and officers.
4. Governance of the organization should be vested in a responsible and active board which meets at least quarterly and establishes and enforces policies.
5. Every organization receiving funds from the City is required to assure that it will conduct business in compliance with the non-discrimination requirements of the City, State and Federal governments.
6. The organization agrees not to participate in any process that discriminates on the basis of race, color, national origin, or religion.
7. Each organization shall maintain accounting records which are in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.
8. Groups requesting funds must be amateur athlete groups. An amateur athlete group is defined as a group which does not receive financial compensation or prize money for their participation in any athletic event.

Groups should:

1. Be willing to certify and document financial and enrollment figures.
2. Be willing to expend all grant monies awarded within the City of Milpitas and/or behalf of Milpitas.
3. Be willing to report on achievements and/or goals accomplished with the acquisition of funds to City staff.
4. Be willing to acknowledge the support of the City of Milpitas where appropriate and include on all printed information relating to grant funded programs or activities, the following:

“This program has been made possible, in part, through a grant from the City of Milpitas.”
5. Provide proof of purchase receipts, invoice statements, etc. related to the expenditure of grant funds upon completion of program, project or activity.

FISCAL LIMITS:

1. The maximum amount for any Youth Sports Fund grants within a fiscal year will be \$1,000.00 for a group or organization.
2. Any application which exceeds this annual limit amount must show justification of extraordinary need and be highly meritorious in order to be considered by the City Council.
3. The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Commission may recommend any amount deemed appropriate, which may be less than the sum requested.
4. No financial assistance may be provided if proposal are either not in conformance with this policy or with the application procedure or form.

ACCEPTABLE FUNDING CRITERIA:**Funding consideration will be given:**

1. In the event that financial difficulties occur due to an unexpected event or emergency (theft, vandalism, fire, weather, i.e.) that impacts a group's ability to continue providing a level of service to City residents and requires immediate funding assistance to avoid program or service interruption or cancellation.
2. For an event occurring where additional funding is required for a special tournament or event where participants are advancing beyond the normal spectrum or league play, hence causing additional expenses.
3. To one-time activities or capital equipment purchases designed to address a significant need or problem which the organization cannot routinely finance.

Funding will not be given:

1. For ongoing or existing expenses.
2. In lieu of a participation fee normally paid by all participants, i.e. registration fee, etc. However, funding may be considered for a special tournament or event advancing beyond the normal spectrum of league play, causing additional expenses.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Submit applications to the Milpitas Recreation Services Department, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, CA 95035.
2. Applications must be filled out entirely and all supplemental information requested must be submitted with the application to be considered complete.
3. Applications received will be reviewed by staff and presented to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission generally within 45 days of receipt. Applicants will be notified as to the status of their application and as to the date and time of the Commission meeting.
4. Applicants must be present at the Commission meeting to discuss their application in order to be considered for funding. Commission meetings are the first Monday of every month.
5. The Commission will consider applications and recommend grant awards as applications are received or until all allocated funds for the fiscal year are expended.
6. Recommendations of the Commission will be forwarded to the City Council for final approval.
7. Upon approval, selected applicants will be invited to meet with staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with the City. Funding would be treated as a contract service.
8. Upon final approval from the Milpitas City Council, the Recreation Services Marketing Coordinator will provide assistance in recognizing City grant recipients' achievements through press releases and other marketing efforts.

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